

MAKING THE ARREST

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After the officer has made a decision to arrest, the officer should make the arrest by notifying the violator that they are under arrested, the cause for the arrest, and the authority to make the arrest (PC 841).

SEARCHING, HANDCUFFING, AND TRANSPORTING OF PRISONERS

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To ensure the uniform application of enforcement methods that meet professionally acceptable standards and to provide for the safety of officers, prisoners, and the public, CDF peace officers will adhere to the following guidelines for searching, handcuffing, and transporting prisoners.

SEARCH -- PHYSICAL ARRESTS

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All persons subjected to physical arrest will be searched for weapons by the arresting officer(s).

HANDCUFFING

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All persons arrested on a charge requiring incarceration or transportation will be handcuffed. Handcuffs will be applied with the subject's hands in a position to the rear. The handcuffs' double-lock mechanisms shall be set to avoid accidental tightening to minimize injury and to prevent escape.

Restraining measures in addition to handcuffing may be necessary when dealing with prisoners. For example, an officer may need to use flex-cuffs or rope leg restraints applied around the ankles.

Restraints that place the prisoner in a non-traditional position, i.e. the use of lanyards, require a second officer for constant monitoring of prisoner welfare and to avoid positional asphyxia.

TRANSFER OF CUSTODY

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When taking custody of a prisoner from another officer the receiving officer will conduct a thorough search unless they witnessed the original search.

TRANSPORTATION -- WITHOUT CAGES

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The seating arrangement for prisoners transported in CDF vehicles without cages will be as follows:

Single officer/single prisoner

The prisoner will be seated in the right front or right rear position, at the option of the officer.

Single officer/multiple prisoners

Assistance will be requested, and the officer will wait until help arrives before transporting.

Two officers/single prisoner

The second officer should sit in the left rear position and the prisoner in the right rear. At the option of the officer, the prisoner may be seated in the right front and the second officer in the right rear.

Two officers/two prisoners

One prisoner should be seated in the right front position and the other in the right rear position. The second officer should sit in the left rear position.

For the officers' safety, not more than two prisoners should be transported in a single vehicle. Additional assistance should be requested.

NOTE: If a pickup truck is used only one prisoner may be transported. Judgment must prevail given consideration of space, officer safety, and availability of assistance.

TRANSPORTATION -- WITH CAGES

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Vehicles equipped with cages designed for the transportation of prisoners may transport one to three prisoners in the back.

PRISONER TRANSPORT

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Prior to transporting a prisoner, the transporting officer will contact the ECC and provide the following information: juvenile or adult, sex of prisoner, transporting from and to locations, and beginning mileage. ECC will confirm information and provide acknowledgement and time.

At termination of transport ECC will be contacted and advised of final mileage. ECC will confirm information and provide acknowledgement and time.

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